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Per our discussion of March 11, 2004, attached are copies of the Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and PTO Form 1449 that were filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2000.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

AMENDMENT**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1-8 as follows:

1. (amended) A computer system comprising:

a CPU; [which services]

a plurality of peripheral devices serviced by the CPU[,];

the CPU having a scheduling controller which includes [(a)] priority setting means and round robin register means;

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